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are, in great arrears to the public on account of the collection of taxes ; and because the kind of wheat certificates produced have never been settled in this office, being intended only to pass from the planter or farmer to the collector, and from him to the commissioners of the tax, to be credited in his general account ; and the auditor thinks also, that certificates paid by individuals to a collector on account of taxes, become immediately the property of the public, and ought to be paid to the commissioners, or the treasury, as such, without delay. The auditor wishes for the direction of the assembly, that he may be enabled in future to give a direct answer to every application of the kind above-mentioned.

The auditor begs the honourable assembly will be pleased to appoint a committee to inquire into the present state of his office. He thinks it will require but little of their time to take a general view of what is done, and what is still further to be done, in settling the general accounts of the state.

C. RICHMOND, auditor-general.

Auditor's office, 12th of January, 1786.

Endorsed ; " By the senate, January 14, 1786 : Read and referred to the consideration of the " house of delegates.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk "

The following question was propounded to the house, viz. That leave be given to bring in a bill for the removal of the seat of government from the city of Annapolis to Baltimore-town in Baltimore county ?

On the second reading the report of the committee appointed to inspect the books, papers, and accounts of the intendant of the revenue, and of his answer and remarks thereon, the question was put, That it does not appear to this house, that the conduct of the said intendant merits their censure or disapprobation ; and that, as far as they have considered the general conduct of the said intendant, it is their opinion, that great advantages have been derived to this state by a faithful discharge of the duties of his office with integrity, zeal and ability ? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Hall appeared as follow :

## A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	T. Bond,	Turner,	Miller,	Quynn,	Joseph Dashiell,	Wheeler,
	Lethbrury,	Stone,	W. Bowie,	John Seney,	Purnell,	Driver,
	Graves,	Ridgely of Wm.	R. Bowie,	Sewell,	Carey,	M. Mechen,
	Grahame,	John Dashiell,	F. Bowie,	Joshua Seney,	Norris,	Stull,
	Fraizer,	Waters,	Chase,	C. aille,	Love,	Wootton.
	Dent,	Oglevee,				

## N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	De Butts,	Taney,	Edmondson,	Baker,	Beatty,	Hughlett,
	B Worthington,	Ridgely,	Goldsbrough,	Ramsay,	Bayly,	Cellars,
	N Worthington,	Stevenson,	Bracco,	Digges,	J. Bond,	Fenk.
	Hall,	Jones,	Gale,	Faw,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, January 16, 1786.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. R. Bowie, Mr. F. Bowie, and Mr. Wootton. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The report from the auditor-general was read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely of William, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Dent, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Lethbrury, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Green, of Charles county, an invalid soldier, praying relief ; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Dent, Mr. Bracco, and Mr. Joshua Seney, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Henry Hughes, of Baltimore county, praying to be released from the purchase of a tract of land called James's Park, which was confiscated and sold ; was preferred and read.

Daniel Carroll, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, *An act to repeal part of the act concerning marriages.* endorsed ; " By the senate, January 14, 1786 : Read the " first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, January 16, 1786. Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The supplement to the act to appoint a trustee to take care of the person and property of George Shipley, Junior, who is insane; endorsed ; " By the senate, January 13, 1786 : Read the first " time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

" By the senate, January 16, 1786 : Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

And the bill to authorize the vestry of Stepney parish, in Somerset and Worcester counties, to settle and pay the debts of the parish, and for other purposes, endorsed ; " By the senate, January " 9, 1786 : Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

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